

Advent Prayer Partners

A simple way to bless one another through prayer and kindness.

What This Is

During Advent, our church family is invited to care for one another through **prayer** and **small acts of kindness** instead of gifts. Each person who signs up will be matched with someone to quietly encourage throughout the month.

How It Works

- Fill out a sign-up card during worship on **Sun, Nov. 23**.
- Draw the name of your Advent Prayer Partner on **Sun, Nov. 30**.
- If you can't attend either Sunday, you can [sign up online](#) and we will draw for you.
- Your job for the month: **pray regularly** and offer **simple, no-cost acts of care**.

Who Can Participate

Anyone connected to our congregation—attenders, online worshipers, friends, and family. All ages are welcome.

Sign-Up Information We Collect

To help your partner pray for you and show kindness thoughtfully:

- **Name**
- **Optional contact:** email or phone
- **Optional home address:** for those comfortable receiving doorstep acts of care (shoveled walk, small seasonal decoration, etc.)
- **Optional helpful notes:** favorite hymn, prayer request, or something that encourages you

Your home address is completely optional.

Choose it only if you're comfortable with doorstep-only gestures. No one will enter your home or knock on your door.

How to Select Your Partner's Name

- On **Sun, Nov. 30**, draw a folded card with the name of someone who signed up before or after the service.
- If you signed up but cannot be present that Sunday, we will draw a name for you and email that information to you.

Church “Mailbox” System

A hanging pocket organizer near the Narthex will serve as a mailbox station labeled with participants' names.

You may use your partner's mailbox to leave:

- Notes of encouragement
- Scripture verses
- Handmade items
- Small no-cost surprises
- Updates that you're praying for them

Stop by anytime the church is open to drop off a note or small item and to check your own mailbox as well. No perishables, please.

Your Role All Month

Small, meaningful actions can brighten someone's Advent. Pray for your partner and consider simple gestures such as:

- Leaving a handwritten note
- Sending a short prayer or Scripture by text
- Offering encouragement through the organizer pockets
- Holding them in prayer during your daily quiet time
- Leaving a small ornament or decoration (no cost—use something homemade, found, or from your own supplies)
- Doing a simple act like shoveling a walkway if weather allows
- Sharing a favorite hymn, verse, or Advent reflection

- Outdoor acts of kindness are only for participants who choose to share their address. Indoor or personal visits are not part of this program. When in doubt, use the church organizer instead.

No purchases are expected. Kindness, prayer, and thoughtfulness are the focus.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I'm not present for either Sunday?

You may sign up online, and we will draw a name for you. Your card will be placed in the organizer.

Can families participate together?

Yes, families may share one partner or each choose their own.

Will anyone know who I drew?

No—keep your identity private until Christmas Eve unless you choose to reveal yourself.

Do I have to give anything?

No gifts. No spending. Prayer and simple, heartfelt gestures only.